Why Study a PhD at the Second Faculty?

They began with their doctoral studies at the Second Faculty this academic year. Why have they decided to do their PhD here and what do they expect from it? Are they planning to focus exclusively on research or also on clinical medicine? Read the stories of four fresh PhD students.
MUDr. Adam Whitley, United Kingdom

Originally from the United Kingdom, I moved to Prague to study medicine at the Second Faculty of Medicine, Charles University. I have been teaching anatomy and continuing my education in the Czech Republic. I would not have had these opportunities in the United Kingdom.

I am doing my doctoral studies at the Department of Anatomy at the Second Faculty of Medicine and the Department of Anatomy since the 2nd year of my medical studies and my interest in research in clinical anatomy stems from this. Since September I have been working in the Department of Surgery in the Royal Vinohrady Teaching Hospital. It is quite demanding work, but I am focusing mainly on the clinical work and once I am able to work independently, I will spend more time on research.

Natividad Alquézar Artieda, Spain

I have started my PhD in CLIP – Childhood Leukaemia Investigation Prague, Laboratory of Molecular Genetics, Department of Haematology, Hospital of the University of Economics Prague. After completing my Bachelor’s Degree in Biology, I decided to pursue higher education in the field of Biomedical Sciences, specifically, molecular genetics and how a little difference can activate or deactivate pathways. This knowledge is overall very important in cancer.

I hold a Master’s Degree in Biomedicine at the University of Barcelona. Before that, I studied for a Biotechnology Degree at the University of Zaragoza. Of course, I had my favourites and one of them was cancer research. I finished my degree in 2012, and then I took a break from science because I wanted to make sure that I want to do the research I am doing now.

MUDr. Bassel El-Osta, United Kingdom

I am doing my doctoral studies in the Department of Orthopaedics, my supervisor will be prof. MUDr. Tomáš Trč, CSc., MBA, and my topic will be the invention of new endoprosthesis for foot drop.

I am a graduate originally from Russia and I have done my postgraduate studies in the UK, but my fellowship was in FN Silv. H. Wright Institute. Since the completion of my fellowship I very much enjoyed working with my colleagues and in Motol. I am expecting to move forward in my research.

I will be doing both research and clinical medicine as much as possible, because PhD is not something easy and it requires a lot of time.

MUDr. Emanuel C. Marques, Portugal

The story of my doctoral studies is not recent, I have been considering it since the time I began studying medicine. However, it was not until I finished my studies at the University of Porto that I was able to take the first steps towards my PhD.

It was during the fourth year of my medical studies that I first came in contact with the field of Dermatology and have since been captivated by the challenges and opportunities it presents. I am looking forward to working with Professor Hercogová and contributing to the field of Medicine.

Expectedly, it was nerve-racking to first meet Professor Hercogová. After all, it was my first job interview. However, I am looking forward to working with the team at the Hospital of the University of Economics Prague, where we are currently conducting a study on the effects of new drugs on cancer cells.

In our study, we are using a combination of drugs and a placebo group, we are hoping to come to a conclusion on whether these revolutionary drugs are as safe as we think.

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